## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al., Debtors. <sup>1</sup>

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMBAC ASSURANCE CORPORATION, et al., Defendants.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00003-LTS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (iv) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19 BK 5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801).

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Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00004-LTS

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00005-LTS

SECOND URGENT JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE DEADLINES IN <u>CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS</u> To the Honorable United States Magistrate Judge Judith Gail Dein and the Honorable United States District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

Ambac Assurance Corporation ("Ambac"), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNYM"), U.S. Bank Trust National Association ("U.S. Bank", and collectively with Ambac, FGIC, and BNYM, "Settling Creditors"), Milliman, Inc. ("Milliman"), and the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Board"), as Title III representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") pursuant to section 315(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA") (collectively, the "Parties"), respectfully submit, in light of the recently announced settlement of certain matters, this second urgent joint motion to continue certain deadlines pending in the above-captioned proceedings (the "Matters").

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. As the Parties informed the Court during the disclosure statement hearing, on July 14, 2021, the Parties reached an agreement in principle regarding a settlement. As a result of the tentative settlement, the Parties further agreed that certain pending deadlines in the Matters should be adjourned given that a settlement could obviate the need to proceed with those Matters. The Parties moved for adjournment to dates identified in the Urgent Motion of July 15, 2021 [ECF 17370],<sup>2</sup> which the Court granted on July 16, 2021 [ECF 17389]. Since then, the Parties have been diligently engaged in the process of formalizing that agreement, which was finalized on or about July 27, 2021.
- 2. <u>Disclosure Statement Hearing</u>. On July 24, 2021, the Court issued an order rescheduling the Disclosure Statement Hearing to Thursday, July 29, 2021, with an amended

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all ECF numbers referenced herein refer to the docket in Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS.

Disclosure Statement and proposed order due July 27, 2021 and any objections due July 28, 2021. [ECF 17501]. In light of the new Disclosure Statement schedule and the Parties' now-executed settlement, the Parties agreed that certain pending deadlines established in the Court's July 16 Order regarding the Matters should be further adjourned and reset on the schedule described below, given that the settlement could obviate the need to proceed with those Matters.

- 3. Revenue Bond Adversary Proceedings. On January 16, 2020, the Board initiated the above-captioned adversary proceedings seeking to disallow claims by holders of HTA Bonds, CCDA Bonds, and PRIFA Bonds (collectively, the "Revenue Bond Adversary Proceedings"). The Revenue Bond Adversary Proceedings are currently stayed in part pursuant to the Court's March 10, 2020 *Final Case Management Order For Revenue Bonds* [ECF No. 12186]. Currently pending before the Court are the Board's partial summary judgment motions (the "Summary Judgment Motions") in each of the Revenue Bond Adversary Proceedings. Pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2021 Order, the Settling Creditors' deadline to file supplemental briefing regarding the Summary Judgment Motions is this Wednesday, July 28, 2021, and the Commonwealth's date to file responses thereto is August 25, 2021. *See Order* [ECF No. 17389].
- 4. <u>Milliman Rule 2004 Discovery</u>. On January 13, 2021, the Court issued its *Order* [ECF No. 15589] granting *Ambac Assurance Corporation's Urgent Motion for an Order Authorizing Third-Party Discovery under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Pension Liabilities*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Notice of Motion and Motion of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by and Through the Financial Oversight and Management Board, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7056 for Partial Summary Judgment Disallowing Claims [ECF No. 43 in Adv. Proc. No. 20-00003-LTS] relating to the PRIFA Bonds; Notice of Motion and Motion of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by and Through the Financial Oversight and Management Board, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7056 for Partial Summary Judgment Disallowing Claims [ECF No. 40 in Adv. Proc. No. 20-00004-LTS] relating to the CCDA Bonds; Notice of Motion and Motion of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by and Through the Financial Oversight and Management Board, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7056 for Partial Summary Judgment Disallowing Claims [ECF No. 50 in Adv. Proc. No. 20-00005-LTS] relating to the HTA Bonds.

[ECF. No. 15342]. Discovery pursuant to that order (the "Milliman Rule 2004 Discovery") has been ongoing. Pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2021 Order, a joint status report regarding the status of Milliman Rule 2004 Discovery is due July 28, 2021. *See Order* [ECF No. 17389]. The now-executed settlement with the Settling Creditors could obviate the need for further litigation concerning the Milliman Rule 2004 Discovery.

5. Cash/Assets Rule 2004 Discovery. On October 28, 2019, Ambac filed Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Assets (ECF No. 9022) (the "Assets Motion"), and Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Cash Restriction Analysis (ECF No. 9023) (the "Cash Motion" and, together with the Assets Motion, the "Original Rule 2004 Motions"). On November 8, 2019, the Government Parties filed the Urgent Motion of Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority to Strike (A) Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Assets [ECF No. 9022] and (B) Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Cash Restriction Analysis [ECF No. 9023] and for Sanctions (ECF No. 9131) (the "Motion to Strike"). On January 23, 2020, the Court (Swain, J.) issued an order denying the Motion to Strike (ECF No. 10332) (the "Order"). Pursuant to that order, and subsequent orders entered by the Court, Ambac, the Board, and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF") have filed periodic joint status reports regarding the status of the Rule 2004 discovery (the "Cash/Assets Rule 2004 Discovery"). A further joint status report is due on Friday, July 30, 2021. See Order [ECF No. 17392]. The nowexecuted settlement with the Settling Creditors could obviate the need for further litigation concerning the Cash/Assets Rule 2004 Discovery.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter under PROMESA section 306(a), 48 U.S.C. § 2166(a), and venue is proper under PROMESA section 307(a), 48 U.S.C. § 2167(a).

## **RELIEF REQUESTED**

- 7. The Parties request that the Court continue the foregoing existing deadlines in the Matters in the following manner:
  - a. the Settling Creditors' deadline to file supplemental briefing regarding the Summary Judgment Motions shall be August 4, 2021, at 5 p.m. AST;
  - b. the Commonwealth's date to file responsive briefing shall be September 1, 2021, at 5 p.m. AST;
  - c. the hearing on the Summary Judgment Motions shall remain on September 15, 2021, or as soon thereafter as the Court is prepared to hear the motion (other than September 16, 2021, for religious observance);
  - d. The parties shall file a joint status report regarding the status of the Milliman Rule 2004 Discovery by no later than August 9, 2021.
  - e. The parties shall file a joint status report regarding the status of the Cash/Assets Rule 2004 Discovery by no later than August 9, 2021.
- 8. The Parties propose this revised schedule in light of the Court scheduling a further hearing on issues pertaining to the approval of a disclosure statement on July 29, 2021, and to allow the Parties additional time to prepare and file a further motion to stay the Matters as

contemplated by the settlement. If the Parties need to further extend the schedules in the Matters

based on the status of the settlement or the preparation of the further motion to stay, the Parties

will promptly advise the Court. As a matter of judicial economy and Party resources, the Parties

should not be required to move forward and actively litigate matters that could be resolved through

the negotiated settlement. No prejudice to non-movants exists, as the requested adjournments

apply only to matters among the Parties.

9. Pursuant to Paragraph I.H of the Fifteenth Amended Notice, Case Management and

Administrative Procedures [ECF No. 17127-1], Movants hereby certify that they have carefully

examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for the Urgent Motion; have not created

the urgency through any lack of due diligence; and have made reasonable, good-faith efforts to

resolve or narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court, including by meeting and

conferring with opposing counsel. The Parties have conferred with counsel to AAFAF, which has

agreed that the Parties may represent to AAFAF's consent to the continuation of the deadlines in

matters in which AAFAF is a party in interest.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this same date a true and exact copy of this notice was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will notify a copy to counsel of record.

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